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Applicants:	Nelson Ruiz-Opazo et al.	Art Unit:	1635
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Filed:	January 7, 2002	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	METHOD OF ASSAYING MODULATORS OF HYPERTENSION		

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND
INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191

Applicants respectfully appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 21, 2003, in which the Office finally rejected claims 1-5 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for one month, to and including September 22, 2003, as September 21, 2003 falls on a Sunday. Applicants note that a petition to extend the period for replying for two months was previously submitted with the Reply to Examiner's Final Office Action on August 20, 2003.

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